

Hassler Tavern  
Bureau County  
(Near Princeton,) Illinois

HABS Ill. 142.

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ILL,  
6 - DEPUY,  
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*Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings*

PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District No. Ill.1.

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Earl H. Reed, District Officer  
435 North Michigan Ave., Chicago

THE HASSLER TAVERN  
Near Princeton, Bureau County, Illinois.

Owner: Mr. R. C. Coll, Princeton, Illinois.

Date of Erection: Early 1840's.

Architect: Not known.

Builder: Believed to be Henry Hassler.

Present Condition: Fair.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Brick building, shingled roof,  
annex of weatherboarding.

Other Existing Records: Destroyed.

Additional Data: (See following pages)

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BUREAU COUNTY  
NEAR PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

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Robert Rider Tufts.  
Ralph F. Gross

SOURCE:

What is known as the Hassler Tavern was erected in the early 1840's. Henry Hassler is credited with being the builder, though this fact is uncertain. The building is located on highway U.S. 6, about two miles north of De Pue, Illinois, and approximately eight miles east of Princeton, Illinois.

Whether this building was designed for a tavern or a residence is unknown, as the plan would permit either use. At present the building is used as a farm house and is owned by Mr. R.C. Coll of Princeton, Illinois, who rents it to Mr. Mose Soldati.

Rev. Ernest  
Lack,  
Hallowaville,  
Illinois.

Records which might have indicated more of this history have been destroyed. Those now available tell the history of the Hassler family, and its enterprising development of this section of Bureau County. The Hasslers came from Munich, Germany in 1833, stopping in New Orleans, before coming into this vicinity. In 1835 they purchased large tracts of land and created a settlement to which more of their family migrated at later dates.

The Indians were friendly and cooperative, and this Hassler settlement thrived. At the present time an annual reunion of this family brings them together from all parts of the country. This expansive family are descendants, only two and three generations removed from John Hassler, the family's leader.

T.J. Heitz,  
Route #3  
Princeton,  
Illinois.

Evidence for the date of building is indicated by the fact that the Hasslers built the first brick kiln in this vicinity and that the brick used for the tavern

is supposed to be the brick first  
produced from that kiln. The kiln  
was erected in 1839.

By

Robert R. Tufts.

Approved

Emmet Reed

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